

Send To: The Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management  
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## REQUEST FOR GOLD STAR FAMILY LICENSE PLATE

### VETERAN INFORMATION

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ SVC#: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

RANK: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF DEATH: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY OF DEATH: \_\_\_\_\_

#### BRANCH OF SERVICE:

☐ ARMY ☐ MARINE CORPS ☐ NAVY ☐ AIR FORCE ☐ COAST GUARD

**Applying For:** (Eligible individual can only receive one set of motor vehicle plates or a single wall plate, not both)

☐ **Gold Star Family License Plate to display on motor vehicle** (*Must include information for vehicle registration*)

Plate will be placed on: Year \_\_\_\_\_; Make \_\_\_\_\_; Current Plate # \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Gold Star Family License Plate to display on wall** (*single license plate*) *You can have up to six characters:*

(Please print legibly)

\_\_\_\_\_

### REQUESTOR INFORMATION

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to veteran: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE#: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
YOUR SIGNATURE /DATE REQUIRED HERE)

Signature gives BVS permission to contact DVA if necessary to confirm service and death of individual on active duty

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Date Received by BVS \_\_\_\_\_ Certified by \_\_\_\_\_ Date to BMV \_\_\_\_\_

### BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLE INFORMATION

Plate # \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date \_\_\_\_\_ Issued By \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA ON BACK OF FORM**

# State of Maine Gold Star Family License Plate

Eligibility for the Gold Star Family License plate is based upon very specific criteria. To be eligible for the plate, the family member must have received a Gold Star Lapel Button (Purple background) from the casualty branch of service jurisdiction, or be eligible to receive a Gold Star Lapel Button from the federal government. The Gold Star Lapel Button signifies that the service member was killed-in-action or died in a combat theater of operations. A picture of the Lapel Button is displayed on the license plate.



Gold Star Lapel Buttons are/were presented exclusively to certain family members of those who served in the armed forces of the United States and -

1. who lost their lives during World War I, World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War and are on the official casualty list for that war period; or
2. who lost their lives during any other period of armed hostilities prior to July 1, 1958; or
3. who lost their lives after June 30, 1958-
  - a. while engaged in action against an enemy of the United States (*e.g. killed in action or died of wounds in combat theater*); or
  - b. while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; (*e.g.. died of injury illness in combat theater*); or
  - c. while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict in which the United States is not a belligerent party against an opposing armed force (*e.g. military advisor to a foreign military*).
4. who lost their lives after March 28, 1973, as a result of the following:
  - a. an international terrorist attack against the United States or foreign nation friendly to the United States, recognized as such by the Secretary of Defense; or
  - b. military operations while serving outside the United States as part of a peacekeeping force.

## Eligible Family Members (Must be a Maine Resident)

- Widow or Widower
- Parents (includes stepparents, parents through adoption, and foster parents)
- Children (includes stepchildren and children through adoption)
- Brothers/sisters (includes half brothers/sisters)
- Grandparents of those who died after March 28, 1973

Only one license plate or set of plates will be issued per qualifying family member. The Gold Star Family License plates may only be used on a car or pickup truck rated 6000 lbs or less.

**Application Process** - Families of service members who meet the above eligibility requirements must complete application form and forward the request along with a copy of DD Form 1300, Casualty Report or other official paperwork indicating death on active duty in support of combat operations. In addition, your request must include a copy of proof of relationship as father, mother, husband, wife, son, daughter, brother or sister. This proof may be copies of birth, marriage, or baptismal certificates which clearly show relationship, or a notarized certificate.

Once eligibility has been verified, Maine Veterans' Services will forward certification to the Secretary of State, Department of Motor Vehicles for the issuance of license plate(s).